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# Navy Medicine Personnel Spend Armed Forces Day Giving WWII “Honor Flight” Veterans a Hero’s Welcome

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***Editors Note: Even though Memorial Day is still a few days that didn’t stop Washington D.C. area Navy Medicine personnel from spending this past Armed Forces Day giving a hero’s welcome to WWII “Honor Flight” veterans from across America who visited our nation’s capital to visit the WWII Memorial and several others.***

***Of special note was 91 year old retired Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Loren “Devil Doc” Hellickson from Silver Spring, Maryland proudly wearing a green corpsman t-shirt, who shortly after graduating high school first saw action, while with the 2nd Marine Division, against the Japanese at Guadalcanal.***

***Honor Flights are dedicated to transporting to Washington, D.C. as many United States military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war(s) they fought in at no cost to the veterans.***

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Hospital Corpsmen give a WWII veteran a hero's welcome.

*Photos by Steven Van Der Werff, BUMED*

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Hospital Corpman 1st Class (AW) Marygrace D. Kelsey, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, greets retiree during his visit to the WWII Memorial.

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Chief Hospital Corpsman(SS/FMF) Carlos A. Rodriguez , Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, gives WWII veteran and retired Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Loren Hellickson a hearty welcome during Hellickson’s visit to the WWII Memorial.



Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF/SW/AW) Ruben M. Palacios, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, thanks retired Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Loren Hellickson for his and his generation’s service.





L-R Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF/SW/AW) Ruben M. Palacios, retired Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Loren Hellickson, Chief Hospital Corpsman (SS/FMF) Carlos A. Rodriguez and Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (AW) Marygrace D. Kelsey



Retired Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Loren "Devil Doc" Hellickson, accompanied by his daughter Beverly White, is greeted to a hero's welcome.





R-L Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jordan Holtshulte, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Brian MacMurchy and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Thiago Silva watch a well wisher give a WWII veteran a heartfelt greeting.





Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Brian MacMurchy pays his respect to a Navy WWII veteran.



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Thiago Silva thanks a WWII veteran for his service.





Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jordan Holtschulte spends quality time with a WWII “Honor Flight” veteran.

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